BY PERTINAN.

rad Effondi did piously obey Koran's precepts, and did to "Allah" pray t strife 'mongst faithful Mussulmans would

crase;

t no man should be recreant to his trust,
at the mnezzin's call bow low in the dust,
that the tribe of faithful would increase. He was a farmer in Roumania's plain; He mourned a son, a sire, and brother slain, And always loosed with faith on earth and sun

When his own grief was heavy in his breast, He always had kind words for the oppressed. And never ceased to pray "God's will be done. Mourad was old—some seventy years had sped Since first the sun had shone upon his head; His wives were three, his children were three

His sons were soldiers, and were in that fight Decreed by the great Sultan to be right— Loyal and trave the Turkish arms they bore.

on came the news from Plevna's battlefield How many Turkish warriors had to yield.
The men from Moscow had the battle won;
The blood of Turkish chivalry was spilled.
Mourad's six sons were in that battle killed;
The weeping father said, "God's will be done.

Mourad went home hoping the news untrue; . Prayed unto heaven, then read the noran through. Retired, and dreamed of cruel Plevna's fight. He saw his sons all armored for the fray— Their swords were bright, their step and lan-

As men who know they are in the right. The morning sun that shone on Mourad's hea! Confirmed the news that his six sons were dead.

Mourad does nothing now but weep and pray; He anxious waits that long-promised peace; He hopes that war will then forever cease. Why should the sons of men each other slay?

Join we the Turk and to his prayer cive scope That war and all its evils now shall cease. And let us hope that all our future days Shall have in them nothing but cause for

praise— May in this world be universal peace.

# THE TWO ROADS IN LIFE.

BY JAMES FRANKLIN FITTS.



HEN, about fifty years ago, Mr. Otis Kinsman left his home in Albany for a business journey in the West, the undertaking was a very different thing from our Western trips of to-day. The region of the Mississippi was then the "tar West;" there were very few railroads, and it required not many days to bring the

traveler beyond the

bounds of canal, stage, and lake transportation, to a point where he must needs prosecute his further journeyings on horseback. To be exact, however, we must say that when Mr. Kinsman purchased a horse and an equestrian outfit, at a town near the west end of Lake Erie, he had not quite passed beyond the region of stage-coaches. From that place to a village forty miles distant, which we will call Sanderland, there was a kind of stage route; but the advice of good people at the town on the lake determined the traveler not to patronize it.

"The coach makes one trip a week each way," he was told, "and don't leave here next till day after to-morrow. It starts long before daylight, and gets in long after dark. Once I never got through till after midnight-fact! It's a corduroy road, with holes in places deep enough to hide a wheel. And then -

"Thank you," interrupted Mr. Kinsman.



"Can you take care of me and my horse to-night?"

"The inducements are very strong not to go in this way. I think I will begin my horseback experience here.

He found the road almost as bad as it had been described to him, and though a horseman can get along much better on a poor highway than can a vehicle, it was near ten o'clock at night when he rode into that day to carry money. He felt with his Sunderland. Had not the distance he had thumb and finger at the edges, and found Sunderland. Had not the distance he had ridden, and the time it had required, persuaded him that he must be at the end of his weary day's journey, he might have doubted the fact. Late as it was, there was a moon which showed him a settlement of scattered buildings, put up with little care in the arrangement of streets, and looking not at all like the thrifty and wellordered village near his Eastern home. But everything yields to hunger and fatigue, and he was not just then disposed to be critical. His friend at the lake town, who treated everything in that new country as the proper subject of a joke, had told him that there were two taverns in Sunderland, both of which were about as bad as they could be.

But which is the best?" Mr. Kinsman "Well, sir, there ain't any best. Go to

either of 'em, and you'll wish you'd gone

to the other." With this information, our traveler did not think it necessary to spend any time in examing and choosing. He stopped at a large frame house before which a round wign in a frame on a high post swung and creaked in the wind, and shouted a loud "Hillos!" The door opened, and from a lighted room a man appeared in the door-

"Can you take care of me and my Lorse

to-night?" the traveler asked. I suppose so. Here, Sam; take the animal. Come this way, sir. We can't do very well by you-travel is small, and times hard. Sam, tell some of those lazy women to get the gentleman something to

The room into which the landlord conducted his guest was the bar-room; and to a man of Mr. Kiusman's refined taste and correct principles it presented a repulsive scene. It was odorous with strong tobacco: glasses and decanters filled the shelves be-hind the counters. At each of two tables in the middle of the floor sat four men, the landlord being one of the number, deeply engaged in playing oards by the light of tallow candles. Small piles of silver money on the tables showed that they were gambling. The faces of all were inflamed with drink, and occasionally a half-sup-pressed outh was heard. So di agrecable an expectation of establishing his guilt; which was beard whose reliance on transfer an expectation of establishing his guilt; wirtue is the most unfaltering.

that his horse be brought tound, and to seek other quarters, when a movement of the landlord brought his face fully into the light. Mr. Kinsman's electric that the doctors declared that, in connection with the absence of light. Mr. Kinsman's attention was immediately arrested by it. He looked long and carefully, and reconsidered his When supper was announced he followed the woman into the next room, and after satisfying his bunger, returned to the bar-room. The clock struck eleven, when the landlord threw down his cards and declared there should be no more play-ing that night. He had seemed to Mr. Kinsman to be laboring under a sense of the bad impression that the surroundings would make upon his guest; and when some of the players demurred at quitting so soon, he grew emphatic and peremptory, extinguished all the candles but one, and bade them begone. When he was alone with the traveler, he began a half-apology; but the latter soon interrupted bim.

"All this speaks for itself, Samson Larrabee," he said. "I am glad to meet you again, but very sorry to find you as I You have grown no better in twenty

The landlord started back with astonish "Why-why, my name isn't Larrabee!" he said.

"Then you have taken another," said the traveler, quietly. The other stared at him, and then cried out:

You can't be Otis Kinsman?" "Indeed, I am; and here's my hand,

The landlord slowly held out his own He did not seem well pleased that he had been recognized, and he did not for a moment answer the cheery salutation. Then

"Well, Otis, you've found me, and you'll be welcome to the poor entertainment I can give you; but I'll have you know at the start that I won't submit to any of your sermons. Do you want to go to bed?" Mr. Kinsman looked very sorrowfully in-

to the face before him, disfigured with excess and bad passions, and simply bowed. The landlord took a candle and he followed him up stairs to a meanly furnished chamber. With a muttered goodnight, Larrabee was about to go, when the other's hand was laid on his shoulder. "Wait. Samson," he said; "there's some

thing I must say."
"Oh, pshaw!" was the impatient answer. The hand detained him, kindly but

"I have a right to speak," continued Mr. you had very few friends? Did I not try my best to save you from yourself? Remember our boyhood, Samson, and how we were seat-mates at school. I say I have public honors; he reared a family in virtue a right to speak to you.' Larrabee took the only chair in the room.

thrust his hands in his pocket and his feet out in front, and uttered a dogged "Well?" "My own life has been a happy and prosperous one since you last saw me," pursued Mr. Kinsman. "I have a beloved family; I have gained a competence; I believe that have the respect and confidence of my ellow-citizens. I do not say these things boastfully; when I thank God every night that they are as they are, I also pray not to be led into temptation. It is my responsibility to Him and to you that is heavy upon me now. I could not kneel to-night in entreaty for myself and for those I have left at home, did I fail to meet the duty that is thrust upon me this night. I say to you, Samson Larrabee, that all that I am you

friends and persisted in your evil courses. was the sullen interruption.

might have been had you not hardened

your heart against the appeals of your best

"Don't wrong me in that way, Samson! Did I not try my best to save you, before you utterly went to the bad? After you had sent your wife broken-hearted to the grave, did I give you up? When the story of the robbery came out, which naturally turned the few against you who were still your friends, you know how I clung to you. and how hard I tried to save you from State's prison. And when your punishment was ended, who offered to take you into his employ, and help you to fight the hard battle to gain honor and respect?" "It was hopeless," said the sulky Lar-

"It was not hopeless!" The fine features of the speaker lighted up with enthusiasm, and his face became radiant. "The fight could have been won then-and it shall be now, if you will give heed to me. My errand out here will take me almost to the Mississi; pi, where I go to purchase a very desirable tract of wild land. On my return I will stop here, and you shall go back with me. I have work for you to do; I remember your ability in business before you threw yourself away. Abandon these degrading associates; close your disreputable business; trust to me, and I pledge you my word-

The speaker stopped abruptly; an ashen pallor overspread his face, and he sank back upon the bed. Larrabee sprang up, seized the water jug, and dashed part of its contents into the sufferer's face. Observing that it produced a reviving effect, he proceeded to loosen the vest, and, as he did so, he observed between it and the shirt a stout woven belt, such as was used at it alternately hard and soft in places, as though it contained both gold-pieces and

Presently Mr. Kinsman opened his eyes, came back to consciousness, and sat up. He smiled as he saw the landlord standing before him with the water-jug in his band.

"Thank you, Samson," he said. "I'm nearly right again; you did the correct thing. You never knew that I was subject to such attacks, although I began to have them long before you went away. Partial failure of the heart, the doctors sav. caused by excitement. I must be careful. There's something more I wish to say, but it's better not to say it now. Think earnestly of what I have said, and in the morning we will talk again on this subject."

So they separated for the night. Sanison Larrabee was up betimes the next morning. He swept the bar and the hall, and gave directions that a good breakfast should be prepared for the guest. He amazed one of his boon companions of the previous night, when he come in and asked for a dram, by telling him sharply to go about his business. He was strangely restless. He strolled about; he sat down and tried to read; once he went out to the front of the house, and looked up at the window of the room where his guest slert. Finally he told the kitchen girl'to go up and knock at the door of the chamber and say that breakfast would soon be ready.

The girl went up, and in a few moments returned with the report that she could get no answer from the room.

Then Larrabee went up. The girl, apprehensive of something wrong, had lin-gered on the stairs. The white face and tottering step of hir master as he came down scared her.

"What's wrong with the gentleman, sir?" she asked. "Is he sick?"

"He is dead," said Larrabee, huskily, The village where these events occurred although having its full proportion of the lawless and the vicious, was yet under the control of law and order; and a thorough and searching investigation followed. Because of the bad character of Larrabee and

marks of violence, and any other apparent cause, there could be no doubt that death had resulted naturally from organic failure. The money-belt, containing a very large sum, was founds upon the body. Samson Larrabee detailed to the Coroner's jury with exactness all the incidents of Mr. Kinsman's stay at his house that have been at down in these columns, and much of



He sank back upon the bed.

what he said was corroborated by others. The verdict was in accordance with these facts. It should be added that sorrowing members of the family, who shortly came on from the East to claim the remains, fully concurred in this verdict.

People at Sunderland who had been dissatisfied with this result on account of their feeling against Larrabee, arising out of his vicious life, were soon convinced by the conduct of the man himself that they did him injustice. He was, literally and emphatically, a changed man. The profound sorrow which he exhibited upon the sudden and startling death of Mr. Kinsman could not possibly be feigned. His testimony at the inquest, while given in such a way as to produce a decided impression of its truth. was frequently interrupted by his great emotion. From that day he quit his bad associates, discontinued his business, and turned to hard and honest toil. As the Kinsman. "Was I not your friend when place grew in population and importance, the better man within Samson Larrabee grew with it. And his fortunes flourished in due proportion. He acquired wealth and and usefulness; there was not a measure for the public improvement, charitable, religious, or educational, that did not find in him a powerful supporter. His life was prolonged beyond the period of three-score and ten; and it is the simple truth to say that he died lamented by all who knew him

or knew of him. While the belief remained unshaken that no crime was committed upon that memorable night at Larrabee's inn, yet, in the minds of those who knew the depravity of the landlord's character before that time, there was a feeling that the whole truth had not been told. The sudden and astonishing change effected in that character seemed to them not explained by anything that had been tole. As time went on, and the occurrences here related foded from the recollection of men, a few of the older residents of the place were accustomed to get together, and in reviewing the strange and notable things that had occurred since the settlement of their village, to declare that there was, after all, a mystery about the Kinsman affair.

They were right, although they were not permitted in life to know its solution. But a few years have elapsed since a very aged clergyman, once settled in Sun-

derland, died in a city far beyond the Mississippi. The human heart and conscience are not made for secrecy; they must confide their sorrows and burdens to other sympathetic hearts; and to this good and reverend man did Samson Larrabee unbosom his secret in the days of his new and better life. The substance of what he said will conclude this history. The frame of mind and temper in which

Mr. Kinsman found his wayward schoolmate that evening was not such as to help the earnest appeals which the good man made to his better nature. Larrabee had been a loser at the gaming-table, and had been drinking upon this evening. The feelings with which he discovered the identity of his guest, and heard him incidentally speak of his own prosperity and happiness, were feelings of hatred and envy. His heart never softened while his friend continued to reprove and entreat him, nor did the eloquent and truthful words arouse any sentiment of gratitude in his breast. When Mr. Kinsman fainted Larrabee almost mechanically took the means to revive him; and while doing so the discovery of a large treasure upon his person instantly excited his cupidity. He went to his chamber and lay down, but not sleep. Thoughts of the belt, and its rich store of gold and notes, possessed him. Other thoughts of ventures at the gaming-table followed. Then the devil prompted him with the suggestion of how easy it would be to smother a life so frail as that of Mr. Kinsman, and how certainly the death of the latter would be attributed to natural causes. The demon made short work of the man in that conflict. In the still hours of the night, Samson Larrabee had actually stood by the bedside of his sleeping friend, fully prepared for assas-sination and robbery. In his after years, in spite of his changed heart, in spite of the beauty of his life, this shadow was ever upon him-that he had been a mur-

derer in heart, if not in deed! As he stood there, preparing to execute his dreadful purpose, a change came over him. Mr. Kinsman was sleeping tranquilly, his benevolent face wearing a look that was almost a smile. The hands of the wouldbe murderer were arrested by an agent more powerful than anything of mere human means. Conscience cried out within him; a sense of his own ingratitude, and of the unselfish devotion of this friend, smote him keenly. He was a boy avain, and sat upon the same seat with Otis Kinsman, studying from the same book. He thought of how he, the older and stronger of the two, had once protected little Otis from the tyranny of a large boy. And now he was about to kill and rob him! He turned and silently left the room.

Perhaps, thus far, enough had happened to work this man's thorough reformation. In the morning, before the startling calamity of the night was made known, his conduct showed that conscience was at work. But the discovery that he made in Mr. Kinsman's chamber that morning plucked him as with a hand of iron from the bad, and turned his feet into better paths.

"If man ever died for man." he solemnly said to the clergyman. "then dear Otis died for me. His life went out from the effects of his eager efforts to win me back. Can you not imasine how I was awed? The visible finger of God seemed raised before me in warning!

## The Great Man.

He is the greatest man who chooses the right with invincible resolution, who bears the heaviest burdens cheerfully, and whose reliance on truth and

#### MECHANICAL.

A NEW regulator for governing the flow of gas into the furnace of a steam boiler is made by having two cham-bers, one for steam and the other for gas, each having a diaphragm in connection with valve-openings and connecting lever between the two, whereby an increase of pressure in the steamgenerator simultaneously moves the diaphragms in opposite directions, thus diminishing the flow of gas by reducing the size of the valve-opening.

To convey the iron ore from the San Juan mines in Spain, which lie behind a mountain, to the trunk line, an endless chain railway two miles in length is used. From the tips on the trunk line to the summit of the mountain, which is 1,712 feet above them, is a distance of 2,790 yards, an average gradient of 20.4 per cent. the maximum gradient of \$120 being refused, the Indians being 43 per cent. The surplus power stating that there was \$80 worth of on the one side of the mountain is uti!ized in hauling up the ore from the mine on the other.

THE measurement of the candlepower of electric or any other light is accomplished by comparing the shadow cast by a rod in the light of a standard candle with the shadow cast by the light to be tested. By moving the latter toward or away from the rod a point will be reached at which the shadow of both will be of equal intensity; and the intensity of each is directly proportional to the squares of their distance from the shadows; for instance, if the light to be tested is ten times the distanc; of the candle, its intensity of light, or illuminating power, is 100 times as great.

A MACHINE has been brought out for cutting up old timber into firewood, and tying it in bundles ready for sale. It consists essentially of a choppingknife actuated like a mortise chisel. The timber is fed into the machine in lengths of about six inches, and the chisel splits them up along the grain of the wood. They pass out of the machine into a box, which, by agitation, settles them into the smallest They are then formed into bundles by mechanical means, compressed, and bound by wire. A firewood-bundling machine, worked by a pedal for smaller requirements, has also been introduced.—Cassell's.

RETAINED in rerfect running order in the United States Steamboat Inspector's office in this city is an oscillating engine constructed in 1809 by Daniel French. It is only of model size, and is probably the first engine of the kind ever constructed. Its description is simple. Having its pistonrod attached directly to the crank-pin, as the crank revolves the cylinder oscillates upon trunnions, one on each side of it, through which the steam enters and leaves the steam-chest. The valves are within the steam-chests, oscillating with the cylinder. It is perhaps as satisfactory an engine of this class as has ever been built, for it is well known that the mechanism of the actuating valves in oscillating steam engines has seldom proved perfectly satisfactory in its operation. - Louisville Couri r-Journal.

### The Trial of Aaron Burr.

Immediately upon the close of his office as Vice President, Burr started on an expedition to the Mississippi Valley, to work up among the people of that locality his scheme for establishing an independent republic west of cit zens and some Government offcials ready to fall in with his plans, and there seems little doubt that for a time James Wilkinson, General-in-Chief of the army and Governor of Louisiana Territory, was inclined favorably toward the scheme. Probably this was because he was not aware of its extent and enormity at first, for the plan, and it was through his infor- other game. mat on that the attention of the Government was called to Burr's plans. In November, 1806, Burr was arrested and summoned before a grand jury at curing witnesses, and he was released, Graham, the Secretary of the Or suggestions are freely given: leans Territory, to investigate the refoot for invading the Spanish domin- something on the feet. ions." Graham, securing from the Old men will find it to their interest Legislatures of Ohio and Kentucky the not to remain on a railroad track until his expedition. Eurr, hearing of the e night, are hard to digest. seizures, made his escape to the west proclamation, to arrest him. He had on ice in the evening. previously had all his cases of arms thrown into the river, and therefore of any hostile intentions, demanding reconciles him to death.

that he and all those with him should By observing these at be searched, and his boats examined for evidence of his revolutionary designs. As nothing of the sort was found, a strong sentiment in his favor was aroused. He was brought before the Supreme Court of the Territory, but the Grand Jury not only refused to bring any indictment against him, but presented charges against the Governor for calling out the militia to arrest him. Burr, now free, resolved to disband all his followers and leave the country. But before he could accomplish this he was again arrested. An indictment for high treason was found against him by the Grand Jury of the District of Virginia. He was charged with levying war, by the collection of armed men, within the dominion of Virginia. He was also charged with concecting a scheme for the overthrow of the national authority in the Western States and Territories. As there was not sufficient evidence against him, however, on this trial, he was acquitted. -Inter Otean.

## Buying a Cradle.

It is known that the Indians expend at times a great amount of labor and skill upon some article of apparel or of domestic use. An English traveler going through their territory was struck by the expensive decoration of their means, by the cradle, the basket in fect an altered life easily accomplishes.

which the papoose is carried, slung over the shoulders of its mother, rather than such an article as the cradle of a

white child. To the north of us as we traveled was large Indian reservation, and, at more than one station, I saw them crouching about the building; but I should not have mentioned them had it not been that I saw a white man trying to buy a

cradle from a squaw. He offered twenty dollars for it, but she would not even turn her head to look at the money. It is quite possi-ble that the mother thought he was bargaining for the papoose as well as the cradle. But I was assured that these women sometimes expend an incredible amount of labor, and, indeed, for Indians, of money also, upon their papoose-panniers.

One case was vouched for, of an offer beads upon the work of art, and that it had taken eleven years to complete it.

#### Snake Stories.

Mr. Josh Bailey, of Brookville, Florda, was lounging in a hammock one hot afternoon when an ominous noise warned him that a rattlesnake was near by and ready for business. Mr. Bailey tumbled out of the hammock just in time to avoid the reptile's spring, but recovered himself quickly and caught the snake be the neck while it was still in m'dair. Then he took the vicious reptile back to the woodshed, and laying its head on a block chopped it off with a hatchet. The snake was 7+ feet long and nearly ten inches in circumference. It struggled desperately while in Mr. Bailey's grasp, and winding its coils around his arm almost

crushed it. Sheriff Roberts, of Hart County, eorgia, was awakened from a sound sleep by the clammy touch of a huge snake which crawled directly over his face. The reptile's belly felt like a big icicle, according to the Sheriff's account of the incident, and seemed to take an hour in passing. Finally, to his great relief, the reptile drew its slimy length away, and the Sheriff struck a light and tried to find it. But the snake had disappeared, and, after a few minutes' search, Mr. Hoberts went back to bed. In the morning the servant while making up the bed found a chicken-snake, six feet long, coiled up between the feather bed and the mat-

Mr. Fletch Norris, of Montezuma, Ga., burned a brush heap down in his swamp near the river, not long ago, and threw into the pile a good-sized moccasin which his boys had captured that afternoon. A week afterward he visited the spot with his dog and saw wriggling about in the dead ashes the head and a few inches of the neck of the snake, while its body had burned to a crisp and broken off. The dog started in to have some fun with the remains of the reptile, but was bitten on the paw and gave it up.

A Pennsylvan a farmer removed a of knotted rope. After the supposed rope had lain in the sun awhile the farmer discovered that it was a mass of copperhead snakes twisted and interluced together with the heads outward. They h seed and squirmed in a horrible manner. Just then the farmer's hired man came up, and with a couple of of the Mississippi. He found a number good clubs they succeeded in dispatching nearly two hundred serpents.

Capt. Jack Bridges, of Columbus, Ohio, brought home with him from a bunting trip in Mexico a rattler which beats anything of the kind ever seen in Ohio. It is twelve feet long, has twenty-six rattles and a button, and is calculated to be able to spring seventeen feet. The Captain says he bagged it later he made every effort to thwart near Chihuahua while hunting for

## Advice to Old Men.

In the matter of advice old men have been neglected. Young men, girls, Frankfort, Ky., but no bill was found married women, and boys have all reagainst him, owing to difficulty of pro- ceived the philanthropic attention of newspaper writers, but it seems that and his friends celebrated his triumph | no one has the time to drop a few usewith a grand ball. But meanwhile ful hints to the man who has done so President Jackson had commissioned much for the world. The following

Old men should be careful of their ports about Burr, and immediately health. They should not go to the afterward he issued a proclamation theater in damp weather without a against "an unlawful scheme set on shirt. It is also advisable to wear

Old men will find it to their interest requisite authority, seized a number of after a train has passed. Well-read boats on the Muskingum and Ohio physicians now generally agree that Rivers which Burr had fitted out for heavy freight trains, especially late at

Old men, especially in a cold clishore of the Mississippi, but a body of mate, should not go in swimming until militia was sent, under the President's after the first of Janu ry, nor recline An old man should marry a very

young woman. It teaches him that assumed the pretense of utter innocence there is nothing in life after all, and By observing these and other rules

some old men have attained great age. -Arkansaw Traveler.

## Remarkable Tale of a Cat.

Here is a cat story which certainly is not outdone in the evidence of intelligence it affords by any dog story that has been told of late, and can be vouched for. A istress thas lives in a family as its beloved pet and has much careful attention. I ach year, when the family goes into the country, of course Mistress I uss goes too, and thus she has become used to traveling and its accompanying discomfort-. She has become used, also, to the approaching signs of migration, and knows what it means when the carpets come up and trunks are packed. This par icular season Mistress I us, being the happy mother of a promising kitten, was very anxious and nervous as the time for flitting dr w near, and at last became so troubled that she attracted the attention of the family by her peculiar behavior. On following her they found the cause. She had packed her little one into a partially filled trunk lest it should be overlooked in moving -Bos on Post.

Consume little time in regret. The best repentan e is reformation. What cradles. It seems most likely that he tears of contr tion are powerless to ef-

#### HUMOR.

A TRIM creature-The milliner. COUNTER-CURRANTS-Dried ones. A VEXED quest on-Are you mad? PRAYER is the heavenly telephone. DE nearer sundown de busier de lazy

HIGHLY imaginative-The distance to the moon.

ONE who is never without a vice-The carpenter. CHECK-MATED-A marriage between

children of bankers. An artist once painted the picture of a gun so naturally that it went off-the

sheriff took it. A GEORGIA lady is an eighth wife. Her husband sometimes forgets which of them she is.

MATRIMONY is something like a circus, for there is generally a ring to hold the performers. The shrewd designs of maids in leve

Their very beauty may dispel;
Some men refuse to marry charms
Because they know their friends so well.
Texas Siftings.

THE best shelter for a girl is her mother's wing, especially when she is disposed to be what the Frenchmen call a little "chic." - Texas Siftings. LANDLADY-"The coffee, I am sorry

to say, 's exhausted, Mr. Smith." Mr. Smitn-"Ah, yes, poor thing. I was expecting that. I've noticed that for some time it hasn't been strong." ANARCHIST-Don't shake me so mooch, for I vas your pest friend.' Pol ceman-"You my best frend?"

"Certainly; ven der was no griminal elements, dere vould pe no policemens, and den you have to vork for a living.' An exchange says that "a Michgan man has a curiosity in the shape of a calf covered with wool," There is nothing startlingly strange about this. As soon as we can get our socks darned

we will have a couple of calves covered with wool. - Newman Indep ndent. A DAKOTA man has invented a machine to pump smoke down a gopher-hole, where it is expected it will kill the gopher. The only drawback seems to be that while you are inserting smoke in the hole the gopher went into he will come out of another and sit up and whistle at you and tell you that he has smoked ever since he

was ten years old. — Dakota Bell. "I AM afraid, Bobby," said his mother, "when I tell your papa what a naughty boy you have been to-day, he will punish you severely." "Have you got to tell him?" asked Bobby, anxiously. "Ch, yes; I shall tell him immediately after dinner." The look of concern on Fobby's face deepened until a bright thought struck him: "Well, ma," he said, "give him a better dinner than usual. You might do that much for me."-Carl Preizel's Weekly.

An earnest old fellow who had doubtless suffered at the hands of the slanderer, while closing a prayer during a revival, said: "And, oh, Lord, let us pray that all liars may be paralyzedstump from a field recently and took | no, not all liars, Lord, for we have lived from a root what he thought was a lot so long in this town that we find it necessary to lie a little ourself some times. Just paralyze those who lie against us and not those who lie for us. and thou need'st never hesitate to call upon us for any favor in our power .-Arkansaw Traveler.

## HISTORICAL.

THE Legion of Honor was created by Bonaparte, in 1802.

THE first European porcelain was made at Dreslen about 1700.

LACE of very delicate texture was made in France and Flanders in 1360. In Greece, according to Herodotus, Solon was the first who pronounced a funeral orat on, 580 B. C.

THE Ionic order of architecture was invented by the Ionians about 1350 B. C., as an improvement on the Doric. THE overland mail traveled first

through Mont Cenis Tunnel to Brindisi, Jan. 5, 1872, saving twenty-four hours time. THE song of Moses on the deliverance of the Israelites, and their pass-

age through the Red Sea, 1491 B. C., is the most ancient poetry extant. PERJURY was punished by the early Romans by throwing the offender from the Tarpeian precipice, and the Greeks set a mark of infamy upon

THE Duke of Norfolk and Charles

James Fox, at a dinner in 1793, gave as a toast, "The majesty of the people," for which their names were struck off the list of privy-councilers. Potassium, a remarkable metal, was discovered by Sir Humphrey Davy, who first succeeded in separating it

from its oxide, potash, in the labora-

tory of the Royal Institution, London, about October 19, 1807. THE isochronous property of the pendulum is said to have been applied to clocks by Galileo about 1639, and by Richard Harris about 1641. George Graham invented the compensating

pendulum in 1715. THE Koran, the sacred book of the Mohametans, was written about A. D. 610, by Mahomet, who asserted that it had been revealed to him by the Angel Gabriel. It was published by Abu Beke about 635.

On the day, in 519, that King Arthur won a great victory over the Saxons, Dewi, or David, afterward Archbishop of St. Davids, ordered the Welsh soldiers to place a leek in their caps. It is to this circumstance that the leek's selection as the emblem of Wales is

THE Pullman cars are the offspring of a simple Yankee invention. This was a head rest, which its inventor got permission to sell on the night cars of the Michigan Southern Railroad, It was screwed to the back of a passenger's seat, and was sold for fifty cents. It took well. George M. Pullman saw that it was a good thing, and bought out the patent. After working it for awhile he commenced experimenting with an old car, and developed the

famous vehicle. It is the easiest thing in the world to discover all the defects in a man when we do not like him.

Iy one gets the worst of a trade he may as well make the best of it.